



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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Director of Planning

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To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
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From: Bruce W. McClendon, FAICP
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SUBJECT: WEBSITE REDESIGN – DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

A long-term goal of the Department of Regional Planning has been to provide timely information to the public regarding land use planning and the development process. Our department website has been a key tool in that endeavor. The look and feel of our website was updated in 2007; however, it continued to present challenges for users to quickly locate the information they needed. During much of last year we have worked diligently to completely overhaul our website. The site was released to the public on January 7, 2009.

Our new website does the following:

- Adds search functionality, dynamic content, categories and RSS (ability to subscribe to feeds)
- Adds image galleries and thumbnail previews
- Adds new organization with expanded downloads, forms and FAQs
- A new, intuitive interface for our customers and stakeholders
- Changes the underlying technology (now database driven)
- Provides a much simpler editing/maintenance interface (thus reducing operational costs)

This is consistent with our department's strategic initiatives, as well as the County's Strategic Plan organizational goals of Service Excellence and Organizational Effectiveness.

The existing URL for access to our site remains unchanged:

<http://planning.lacounty.gov>

We will be working with other County departments and the County's Public Information Officer to update their websites with current links as soon as possible. The Department of Regional Planning proudly looks forward to announce further developments with public access to our planning information. Future enhancements will probably include newsletters, web casting of Regional Planning Commission (RPC) hearings (an integral part of our permit and process improvements), archived minutes of RPC hearings and more multilingual areas.

Should you have any questions on the content of this site, our staff is anxious to hear them.

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Attachment

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All Department Heads
Nicole Englund, First District
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Benjamin Saltsman, Third District
Julie Moore, Fourth District
Paul Novak, Fifth District

bc: Sheehan, CEO
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SCREEN SHOT FROM THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING WEBSITE

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NEW

Case & Hearing
View and Download Case and Hearing Information

Plans & Ordinances
Community Planning Efforts, Ordinances, Adopted Plans

Applications & Forms
Conditional Use Permit, Burden of Proof, Etc.

Enforcement
Report Problem / Violation, Zoning Violation Info, Etc.

Land Use & Zoning
LA County Code, Title 22, Zoning Ord. Summary, Etc.

Maps & GIS
Interactive Maps, Map Catalog, GIS Data

Getting Started

The Department of Regional Planning performs all land use planning functions for the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Our services include long range planning, land development counseling, project/case intake and processing, environmental review and zoning enforcement for each of our County unincorporated communities.

Hours of Operation

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 7:30 am to 5:30 pm
 Wednesday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm
Our offices are closed on Fridays

Translation
 The Land Development Coordinating Center offers assistance at the public counter to those who need help with translations in Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, Armenian, and Farsi. Please call (213) 974-6411 to make an appointment.

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Find Answers

Upcoming / Recent Events

- 12/15/06: Sunshine Canyon Landfill Technical Advisory Committee (2006-12-15)
- 11/5/06: Town & Country Valleywide Presentation
- 11/5/06: Valleywide Presentation
- 10/29/06: Regional Planning Commission Meeting (2006-10-29)
- 10/21/06: Hearing Officer Meeting (2006-10-20)

Recent Articles

- Board of Supervisors - Agenda
- Links to Other County Department and Their Enforcement Sections
- Zoning Enforcement Information Guides
- Manna del Rey Periodic Review
- Farmworker Housing Ordinance

Find Info By Location

- Supervisory District 1
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